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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: May 31, 1954

SUBJECT: Consultation regarding Guatemala

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador of Uruguay José A. Mora
Assistant Secretary Henry F. Holland

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At his request I saw Ambassador Mora of Uruguay late in the afternoon.

He asked my approval for the Uruguayan Government to notify the Guatemalan Government that in offering Montevideo as the site for an OAS meeting, Uruguay was not proposing to humiliate or injure Guatemala but, instead, hoped that Guatemala could come to the meeting and demonstrate that she had purged herself of the Communist penetration which had caused complaint.

He said that such a message might provoke an inquiry from Guatemala as to just what she would have to do in order to satisfy the OAS that she was not penetrated by Communism. He asked what the United States would require to give Guatemala a clean bill of health.

I replied that we had discussed precisely the same problem at a staff meeting that morning, and that within two or three days I would have a definite reply to that question. I said, however, that it seemed to me that the only action that would be required of Guatemala would be that she eliminate all Communists and Communist sympathizers from all public offices including labor organizations. I said that it appeared to me that nothing less than this would be effective.

The Ambassador seemed quite relieved that we would not require any action with regard to the United Fruit Company.

I said that I would get in touch with the Ambassador within the next day or two to give him a more concrete statement of our position.

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